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Irene Vernon

Irene Vernon (born **Irene Vergauwen,** January 16, 1922 – April 21, 1998) was an American actress.

Irene Vernon	
Vernon in 1947	
Born	Irene Vergauwen January 16, 1922 Mishawaka, Indiana, U.S.
Died	April 21, 1998 (aged 76) South Bend, Indiana, U.S.
Resting place	Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery
Other names	Irene Rosenberg
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1947–1966

Background

Vernon was born Irene Vergauwen in Mishawaka, Indiana, and graduated from Mishawaka High School. Following graduation, she moved to New York to become an actress.[1] Her career began with small uncredited roles in 1940s movies. Vernon ended her movie career in 1952, but during the 1950s, she began performing television roles.

Career

Throughout the early 1950s, Vernon guest starred in shows such as *Fireside Theater*, *The Lone Ranger*, *Danger*, *Flight*, Dennis the Menace Christmas Show and *The Donna Reed Show*. In 1964, Vernon began portraying Louise Tate on the hit television series *Bewitched*. Vernon held the role until 1966.

After writer Danny Arnold left the series, the producers, actress Elizabeth Montgomery and Montgomery's husband, director William Asher, reportedly pressured Vernon to also leave the show due to her friendship with Arnold (although the official reason given was that Vernon's husband was ill). The role of Louise Tate was later taken over by Kasey Rogers.[2]

On Broadway, Vernon performed in *The Lady in Ermine* (1922).[3]

Personal life

On July 29, 1944, Vernon married U. S. Army Major Edward Duryea Dowling in Englewood, New Jersey. Before his military service, Dowling had been a director of musical shows.[4]

On March 26, 1993, Vernon married Emanuel Rosenberg in Miami Beach, Florida. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1997.[5]

Death

Irene Rosenberg (as she was known at the time of her death) died on April 21, 1998, in South Bend, Indiana, aged 76.[5] Death certificate indicates from congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease. She is interred in Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Mishawaka, Indiana.[6]

Filmography

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1946	*Till the Clouds Roll By*	Showgirl	Uncredited
1947	*The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*	Goldwyn Girl	Uncredited
1948	*The Pirate*	'Nina' Showgirl	Uncredited
1948	*A Song Is Born*	Woman at Crow's Nest	Uncredited
1950	*The Sound of Fury*	Helen Stanton	
1951	*The Blue Veil*	Adult Stephanie	Uncredited
1952	*Deadline – U.S.A.*	Mrs. Burrows	Uncredited
1960	*High Time*	Matron	Uncredited

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